

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 2 and AMEND claims 1 and 3-8, in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus, comprising:  
a first housing having a printed board module;  
a second housing coupled at one end thereof with the first housing via a hinge mechanism and having a printed board module;  
a flexible flat cable connected at one end thereof with the printed board module in the first housing and at the other end thereof with the printed board module in the second housing, ~~while being at least once~~ a portion thereof being curled at a position corresponding to the hinge mechanism, ~~and an insert~~  
a member to be inserted insertable into the curled portion of the flexible flat cable, wherein the hinge mechanism defines a axis of rotation of the first and second housings and comprises two portions spaced apart from each other in the axial direction, and the curled portion of the flexible flat cable and the insertable member are provided in a space between the two hinge mechanism portions, wherein; and  
a limiting mechanism ~~is provided for limiting limits~~ the movement of the ~~insert~~ inserted member, without fixing the ~~insert~~ inserted member to either the first housing or the second housing.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus as defined by claim 1, wherein the limiting mechanism for limiting the movement of the ~~insert~~ insertable member is a stopper, ~~for~~ mainly inhibiting ~~the inclination of the insert member~~ relatively to the axis of rotation, attached to either one of the first or second housing.
4. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus as defined by claim 1, wherein the flexible cable has two-layered circuit patterns; one of the circuit patterns being connected to one surface of the respective printed board module and the other of the circuit patterns being connected to ~~the other~~ an opposite surface of the respective printed board module.

5. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus as defined by claim 1, wherein a protective sheet is provided on the outer circumference of the flexible flat cable, ~~for protecting to~~ protect the flexible flat cable.

6. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus as defined by claim 1, wherein the ~~insert~~ insertable member is made of an elastic material ~~such as sponge~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A portable apparatus as defined by claim 1, wherein the stopper is made of an elastic material ~~such as sponge~~.

8. (Original) A portable apparatus as defined by claim 1, wherein the ~~insert~~ insertable member has a hole extending in the axial direction along ~~the~~ a corresponding center line thereof, through which at least one cable passes.